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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James S. Lay, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Security Council

1. I have carefully reviewed the Gaither report from the point of view of consistency between the statements with respect to Soviet capabilities contained therein and the statements which my associates and I made on the same subject before the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee on 26 and 27 November 1957.

2. Except as noted below, the Gaither report contains no significant statement with respect to Soviet capabilities that was not contained in my presentation to the Subcommittee. 25X1

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b. The Gaither report also contains a reference to the estimated number of radars currented deployed in the Soviet Union (4,000) and certain long-range predictions as to the Soviets availability to develop defenses against ICBM attack which were not included in the testimony given to the Subcommittee.

3. The Gaither report differs from my presentation in that it contains numerous net estimates of U.S. military strengths relative to those of the USSR and, in an annex, a Time Table of relative capabilities, whereas I limited myself to Soviet gross capabilities in various military fields with estimates as to the time when certain significant weapons would be available. The over-all impression of accomplishments and capabilities of the Soviets conveyed by the Gaither report is substantially equivalent to that contained in my presentation to the Subcommittee.

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4. The intelligence presented to the Subcommittee was far more detailed than that contained in the Gaither report itself, but certain cleared representatives of the Gaither committee received extensive oral briefings from the CIA which are reflected, but not fully reproduced in the Gaither report.

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